World Cup 2007 and held the Team collectively responsible for its poor performance. The BCCI has deliberated on the matter and also obtained the suggestions of former captains of the Indian Cricket Team. Based on the inputs received, the BCCI is taking necessary steps for improving the preparation of the Indian Cricket Team for participation in major events, which include intensive training inputs in different aspects of the game; norms in terms of minimum level of participation in domestic competitions; encouraging young potential players etc.

Bharat scouts and guides

†3958. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any grant to Bharat Scouts and Guides for its activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of grants released during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether Government give priority to youths trained by Bharat Scouts and Guides in providing employment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The activities of Bharat Scouts & Guides for which grants-in-aid are sanctioned include President Scouts/Guides Testing Camps, Workshop/ Seminars/Training Courses, Training Camps (Project Advancement), Youth Programmes/Forums/Adventure Programmes/Gatherings, Inter-State/Inter Regional Cultural Exchange Programmes, Environmental Awareness and , Nature Study Camps, Unit Leaders Conference for Scouters/Guiders, Periodical Meets, Coordination of Scouting/Guiding activities.

(c) The details of grants-in-aid released to the Bharat Scouts and Guides, New Delhi during the last 3 years are as under:—

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

2004-05	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-
2005-06	Rs. 1,45,00,000/-
2006-07	Rs. 1,10,00,000/-

There is no provision under the Scheme to allocate funds State-wise.

(d) and (e) No priority/concession is provided by the Union Government to the youth trained by the Bharat Scouts and Guides in matter of employment. However, the Indian Railways annually recruit Rashtrapathi Awardees of Rovers and Rangers trained by the Bharat Scouts & Guides at Group C and Group D levels. Similarly, State Governments grant incentives at their level which vary from State to State.

Objections raised by Akshardham management

3959. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS-be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plans for the Commonwealth Games village have come to standstil because of the objections raised by the Akshardham management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have agreed to the objections raised by the temple management; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir. Plans have already been sent to the Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) on 3.5.2007 and these were discussed in DUAC on 4.5.2007. The bid documents for the construction of residential units have already been released to selected developers.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) To the extent possible, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) have addressed the concerns of the temple management.

(d) The height of the proposed residential buildings has been reduced to the extent possible.